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<b>Office Action Summary</b>	Application No.	Applicant(s)
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#### Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 16 June 2004.  
 2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.  
 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

#### Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1-29 is/are pending in the application.  
 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.  
 5) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.  
 6) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are rejected.  
 7) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.  
 8) Claim(s) 1-29 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

#### Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.  
 10) The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.  
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).  
 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

#### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).  
 a) All b) Some \* c) None of:  
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.  
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.  
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

#### Attachment(s)

1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)	4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)	Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____
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**DETAILED ACTION**

1. Claims 1-29 are presented for examination.

***Election/Restrictions***

2. Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:

I. Claims 1-16 and 29, drawn to a system for communication over a protocol, comprising: a) a class factory comprising a plurality of identifiers; and b) at least one registered protocol object creator associated with at least one of the plurality of identifiers, the at least one registered protocol object creator adapted to create at least one protocol, classified in class 709, subclass 200.

II. Claims 17-24 and 28, drawn to a method for allowing a computer program to communicate over one of a plurality of protocols, comprising: a) registering one or more protocol handlers operable to create a protocol object; b) receiving a request to communicate; c) creating an instance of a protocol object by employing a registered protocol handlers; d) returning the protocol object to an application; e) using a base class application programming interface to communicate through the protocol object, class 719, subclass 316.

III. Claims 25-27, drawn to a data packet adapted to be transmitted between two or more computer processes, the data packet comprising: information operable to facilitate selecting one from a plurality of protocol object creators, classified in class 370, subclass 464.

3. Inventions I and II are related as subcombinations disclosed as usable together in a single combination. The subcombinations are distinct from each other if they are shown to be separately usable. In the instant case, invention I has separate utility such as a system for communication over a protocol, comprising: a) a class factory comprising a plurality of identifiers; and b) at least one registered protocol object creator associated with at least one of the plurality of identifiers, the at least one registered protocol object creator adapted to create at least one protocol. See MPEP § 806.05(d).

4. Inventions I and III are related as subcombinations disclosed as usable together in a single combination. The subcombinations are distinct from each other if they are shown to be separately usable. In the instant case, invention I has separate utility such as a system for communication over a protocol, comprising: a) a class factory comprising a plurality of identifiers; and b) at least one registered protocol object creator associated with at least one of the plurality of identifiers, the at least one registered protocol object creator adapted to create at least one protocol. See MPEP § 806.05(d).

5. Inventions II and III are related as subcombinations disclosed as usable together in a single combination. The subcombinations are distinct from each other if they are shown to be separately usable. In the instant case, invention II has separate utility such as a method for allowing a computer program to communicate over one of a plurality of protocols, comprising: a) registering one or more protocol handlers operable to create a protocol object; b) receiving a request to communicate; c) creating an instance of a protocol object by employing a registered protocol handlers; d) returning the protocol object to an application; e) using a base class

application programming interface to communicate through the protocol object. See MPEP § 806.05(d).

6. These inventions are distinct for the reasons given above, and the search required for each Group is different and not co-extensive for examination purpose.
7. For example, the searches for the two inventions would not be co-extensive because these groups would require different searches on PTO's classification class and subclass as following:
  - (a) the Group I search (claims 1-16 and 29) would require use of search class 709, subclass 200 (which would not required for the groups II and III).
  - (b) the Group II search (claims 17-24 and 28) would require use of search class 719, subclass 316 (which would not require for the groups I and III).
  - (c) the Group III search (claims 25-27) would require use of search class 370, subclass 464 (which would not require for the groups I and II).
8. Applicant is advised that the response to this requirement to be complete must include an election of the invention to be examined even though the requirement is traversed.

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### *Conclusion*

9. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to VAN H. NGUYEN whose telephone number is (703) 306-5971. **After mid-October, 2004, the examiner can be reached at (571) 272-3765.** The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday from 8:30AM - 6:00PM. The examiner can also be reached on alternative Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Meng-Ai An can be reached on (703) 305-9678.

The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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